(*d*) Yes. But the tenderer selected backed out of his offer.

(*e*) the work will be taken up either departmentally or through piecework agencies.

Machayil thodu in Neyyattinkara taluk.

312. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what has been done during the year to renovate the Machayil thodu in Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*b*) what has been done in pursuance to the estimate prepared for preservation of the Kottukal channel?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) An estimate has been prepared and is under scrutiny.

(*b*) The estimate is under scrutiny.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer would be able to tell us that these items of work would be finished during the course of next year.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As far as possible, the works will be hastened.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether he is aware that the damages caused in connection with this matter occurred some ten years ago?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN; Possibly it may be so. But I knew of it only very recently and an estimate is under preparation and scrutiny for these items of works.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether, this being the case, he will see that work is finished during the course of the next year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will try to do as best I can in the matter.

Stopping of ferry boat service at Mandapathumkadavu in Neyyar.

313. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations have been made before the Public Works Department about the stopping of ferry boat service at Mandapathumkadavu in Neyyar and if so, what has been done in connection therewith?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes. One petition has been received. The boat has been repaired and the ferry service restored.

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